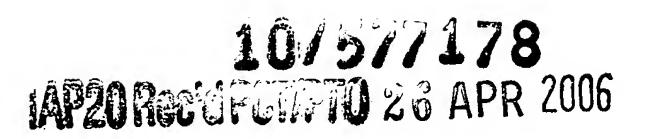
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Dear Sir/Madam:

Applicants request that this amendment be entered in the above-referenced patent application.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2.

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